

SHEIL IS PRESIDENT

Of Typographical Union No. 3, Defeating Opponent by 29 Votes.

James F. Sheil was elected President of Cincinnati Typographical Union No. 3 on Wednesday. He defeated Martin L. Bachman, his opponent by 29 votes. It was the largest election in years, 438 votes being cast.

Harold P. Murray was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent. He had no opposition.

Edwin H. Ellis was defeated for re-election to the office of Recording Secretary by Joseph F. Illig. Mr. Illig was winner by 40 votes.

Other officers elected were: Vice President, Ludwig Lang; Business Committee, William McCormack, John H. Long, Ed J. Farley, Louis F. Griffith, Clarence Grischy and Neal Hardy; Board of Trustees, John C. Donnelly, Frank W. Smith and Frederick J. Wendeln; Auditing Committee, G. Stanley Mathews, Edward A. Sauer and Charles B. Snyder; Delegates to Central Labor Council, Frank L. Rist, Edward Hauen-schild, Edward B. Karkick and Edwin L. Hitchens; Delegates to Kenton and Campbell County Trades and Labor Assembly, John M. Albrecht, Oren O. Henry and Charles P. Kile; Delegates to International Typographical Union Convention at Colorado Springs, William B. Owens, William W. Norman and Benjamin L. Mullich; Alternate Delegates to International Typographical Convention, Robert H. Curl and Charles E. Mayers; Delegate to Ohio State Federation of Labor Convention at Cincinnati, Harold P. Murray.

The proposed arbitration agreement with the closed-shop division of the United Typothetae and Ben Franklin Clubs of America, submitted by the Executive Council of the International Typographical Union, was defeated by a vote of 252 to 173.

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ANOTHER DIPLOMATIC BREAK.

The Food Question

*Should Not Cause the People to Get Unduly Excited.—
There Is No Danger That the American People
Will Starve.*

Here and there we have heard some protest against getting unduly excited over the food question, and occasional suggestions that the recent advances in prices have been due to public hysteria and to unnecessary panic on the part of consumers. There is a grim pleasantness in these soothing remarks such as might be conveyed by the reassuring bark of a rabbit dog to the animal he is pursuing. The rabbit runs because he is in danger, and the consumer is getting excited not only because he hears the bark of the pursuing enemy, but because he already feels its teeth. It is useless to tell him that he is the cause of this effect, and that if he would only keep cool there would be no trouble. He has had too much experience to be fooled, and while he may have to suffer, he is not going to plead guilty to being the chief criminal. He is willing to cure himself of the sin of waste, but he knows perfectly that no matter how careful he may be his frugality will not be sufficient while we content ourselves with general admonitions to farmers to raise larger crops.

There is no danger that the American people will grow over-alarmed on this subject, but there is danger that in their easy-going fashion they may accept the food speculator as a necessary evil and may underestimate the size of the food problem until it is too late. Assistant Secretary Vrooman, of the Department of Agriculture, will have the full sympathy of the country in his denunciations of the men who are conducting a lobby in Washington to prevent the enactment of the bills that will enable

the President to develop and utilize the food resources of the nation to the utmost and to protect the people from their shameless operations. It is absolutely essential that the Government should be at once invested with the authority to deal with the food situation like the master of a great household and to order and manage it on the basis of the highest war efficiency. The people of Ohio and the people of every other state in the Union should at once make it plain to their congressmen that they will not tolerate any mercenary lobbies with regard to this matter in Washington, and demand the passage of the Administration's measures without another day's delay.

With the necessary powers to conserve food supplies and to protect the masses from imposition by speculators there must go hand in hand a wise policy of stimulating production and of making the farmer feel the appeal of self-interest as well as of patriotism. It is well enough to tell how to raise larger crops, but all the oratory in the world will not make him do it in many cases, unless he is assured that he is safe against loss, and unless he can procure the seed to plant and the labor to cultivate the crop. The farmer is as patriotic as anybody else, but if he is to work efficiently to save this country and Europe from famine next winter, he must be placed in a position to respond with all his energy and with all his enthusiasm. The average farmer has no great amount of capital to fall back upon. He lives from season to season, and it is as natural that he should avoid the risk of loss, even at a time like this, as that the banker or the railroad man should do so. To get the best results this year, which is the year of all years in which food failure in the United States is the only failure that is irre-

parable, he must be protected from possible loss and stimulated to his highest efforts.

It is not yet too late to produce a record-breaking crop of potatoes, beans, corn and some other things, if the farmer is made to understand that he is not going into "a gamble," but is working on a certainty. An illustration of what we mean is furnished in certain parts of Southern Kentucky. Tobacco paid tremendous profits there last year and promises larger profits this year. Even the small tenant farmer, black as well as white, has been making big money. When you go to him and tell him he should pay four or five dollars a bushel for seed potatoes and great sums for beans and put all his land in them this year, he wants to know whether he will get back even what he puts in. And many farmers in that section, and we imagine in every other part of the country, will go in for a certain money crop in preference to one from which they think it possible they may not receive much return. This is why it is important that with appeals to the farmer's patriotism there should be State or Government assurances against loss, and practical help by which he may be enabled to do the work he is asked to do. What the State will do along this line we do not know, but the best method of getting the farmer to do his best is certainly likely to arise.

The pressing and predominant question is how to get and conserve the increased output that is essential to us and to the world.

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Knoxville, Tenn.—Several employees of the unorganized Babcock Lumber Company, near here, were discharged because they circulated a petition asking for wage increases. A strike resulted. The company not only pays the lowest wage in this vicinity, but operates a company store that takes care of any loose change its employees may happen to have.

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